

LIGHTING INQUIRY

Marked by Record Exhibition of "Forgetting" by Superintendent Paul

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ELECTRIC MONOPOLY

President of Company Out of State and Its Accounts in New Haven

City Pays More for Current Than Customers Using Lesser Amounts

Unfortunate for the United Illuminating company of this city and New Haven was the day when it threatened the Howland Dry Goods company with the pains and penalties of a statute that has since been repealed by the General Assembly.

The special committee of the Council, appointed to inquire into the relations between the city and the company in the matter of the charges made for street lamps, met in the Common Council chamber and the decks of the ship of state were cleared for an action that is soon to follow. The evening was hot and the windows were open. A hurdy hurdy played music that most have still further lacerated the feelings of the representatives of the United Illuminating company, who are unused to the indignity of being rudely dragged, so to speak, into police precincts, to be clubbed and searched for the goods. But so it was, and so apparently it will be for one or two evenings yet to come.

Trolley cars, and the perhaps excessive courtesy of the committee, made last night's proceedings somewhat tedious and extended them greatly in time. But Stiles Judson, state's attorney, who represented taxpayers who own property listed at more than a million dollars, managed to break the tedium occasionally with a trenchant question, or a pointed accusation.

That public service corporations or of a like character and of one blood—this was shown plainly enough. All of the phenomena that have attended the investigation of greater corporations were present, and some new displays of reluctance not heretofore exhibited were exhibited.

The committee had asked for a statement of the cost of manufacturing electricity and producing city lights. For a statement was filed which had been prepared by President English.

There were the figures there, but no President English. Judge A. Beers, who is vice president of the company, declared that Mr. English is out of the state and indicated that it will be difficult to secure his attendance.

Under these circumstances that imposing array of figures was about as valuable to the people of Bridgeport, and to the city as was the exposition of the process of squaring the circle, demonstrated in Mars.

Fretfully much everything that was wanted by the committee was needed to throw light upon the price of electric light seemed to have been carefully hung up so high that the committee could not see it.

Mr. English was out of the state, where were the books? Bless the books! They were not kept in Bridgeport, but in New Haven. The committee assured the committee Mr. English was one of the best experts of electricity in the country.

Then Chairman Day, the head of the committee, glanced again toward Judge Beers and his face lighted with gratification. He saw Mr. Paul. Mr. Paul is the local manager of the United Illuminating Company. In him is embodied all that anybody in Bridgeport knows about electric lighting and the cost of it. He had a sudden and strange malady. He had lost his memory. He had also acquired a strange and almost superstitious reverence for those whom the Lord had placed in authority over him when he entrusted the management of the city's lights to him.

Mr. Paul could not remember the six or seven largest customers of the lighting company in this city after the city took over the lights.

He could not remember the rates which these customers paid the company.

He could not tell the cost per kilowatt hour of producing the city's lights.

He could not name the custodian of the books of the company.

Between questions he looked pathetically at Judge Beers and his lips from time to time moved inquiringly. Judge Beers, however, lawyer and ethical, was obliged to turn his back upon his subordinate and leave him to struggle on alone.

Mr. Judson did however feel obliged finally to demand that the witness answer the question put to him, without having recourse to counsel, prior to answer.

Despite the absence of President English and Mr. Paul's forgetfulness a ray of informing light peeked through crevices in the inquiry from time to time.

For instance it appeared that there is at least one customer for electricity who gets his supply at 2 cents per kilowatt hour. The city pays probably in the neighborhood of eight cents and is much larger customer.

Also a little light appeared in the statement of President English. The Congress street station is not entirely devoted to the manufacture of city light. It makes a large quantity of light for territory which Mr. Paul defined as "suburban areas." Mr. Judson implies that his clients are inclined to believe that the whole cost of maintaining the Congress street station has been charged against the city lighting.

At any rate the figure will not go unchallenged. Upon the request of Mr. Judson the committee has asked the United Illuminating Company to bring in a subpoena which will probably be issued for all the books within the jurisdiction of the committee.

FELL WITH HIS AIRSHIP

Henri Fournier, Leading French Aviator, Seriously Injured at Rheims Today

MACHINE GOING AT HIGH SPEED

Great Crowd Struck Dumb as Aeroplane Dashed Toward the Earth

Fournier Clutched Wildly at Levers, But Frail Work Collapsed

(Special From United Press.)

Rheims, Aug. 25.—Henri Fournier, a leading French aviator, was seriously injured this afternoon when his Voisin biplane fell from a great height and was smashed. The machine was going at high speed when one of the wires dropped. The wire was one of those supporting the planes. The great crowd which but a moment before had cheered the daring work of Fournier was struck dumb with terror as the aeroplane dashed toward the earth.

Fournier made a desperate effort to right the machine and clutched wildly at the levers but the frail construction, minus its chief support, collapsed and one wing "buckled" badly. It is not yet known how seriously Fournier is hurt. He was taken to an improvised hospital. The accident was the first that has occurred.

M. Paulhan, in a Voisin biplane, has smashed all world's record for continuous flight in a heavier-than-air machine and is still flying above the aviation field here with no indication that he is ready to come down. The record was 2 hours and 17 minutes and 25 seconds, made recently by Roger Sommer, also in a Voisin biplane.

At 6:12 p. m. to-day M. Paulhan had been in the air for 2 hours 32 minutes and was still flying steadily.

Only yesterday Fournier offered to take Nat Goodwin, the comedian on a flight, but the comedian refused.

Louis Bleriot is today the favorite for the Coupe Internationale, which is to be sailed Saturday. His test last evening in circling the 6.4 mile course in 3 minutes 4.5 seconds, 31 seconds faster than Glenn H. Curtiss made the run in his "Golden Flyer" the day before, has caused the ever-varying Frenchmen to pick him as a winner in the event.

The only thing to mar the happiness of Bleriot's friends is the quiet, determined statement of Curtiss just after Bleriot had made his record, that he (Curtiss) would not circle the course in 3 minutes or better. As Curtiss is not given to boasting, the Frenchmen fear that his bi-plane has not yet been in its limit.

Though today's program lacked the presence of President Fallieres, the crowd is nearly as large as on yesterday. Royalty was represented on the plain of Betheny today by Prince Albert of Belgium who took an active interest in everything going on. The Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm of Germany is expected to arrive this evening, and as he is known to be a sport loving young man it is probable that some of the aviators will take great chances to establish new records.

Curtiss continues to receive attractive offers for his aeroplane and it is probable he will return to America without his machine. Many of those who have seen the "Golden Flyer" consider it the best machine yet for speed. In the race between Bleriot and Glenn H. Curtiss, the latter again interfered with early flights, an R. E. F. machine being the only one ventured out. It made a short flight in the race, but a heavy wind will die down in the late afternoon as it did yesterday.

The committee today cautioned the aviators against taking unnecessary chances as A. Paulhan did yesterday when he went several times around the course at a height varying from 200 to 300 feet. The committee is afraid that a repetition of such devil tactics will result in a tragic mishap.

SPEAKER CANNON, HIS ENEMY AND MAN WHO MAY BE SPEAKER



REPRESENTATIVE C. E. CANNON

In one of the most bitter attacks ever made by one American public official upon another Representative Charles E. Cannon of New Jersey has assailed the character and reputation of Speaker Cannon, repeating the old charges of exalism and favoritism in the Speaker's conduct of the House affairs and referring to him as "ignorant and prejudiced."

The Speaker's record on the tariff and currency bills comes in for special notice. Speaker Cannon announced his purpose of replying to his enemies next December on the floor of the House. He will "make the far fly," he said. In making up the list of committeemen for the coming session of the Sixty-first Congress, Speaker Cannon punished Mr. Fowler for his antagonism by depriving him of the chairmanship of the House committee on Banking and Currency, which the New Jersey man had held many years. It has been reported that the man favored by the present administration for the Speakership is Representative Charles E. Townsend of Michigan, who is recognized as one of the legal lights of the House of Representatives. He was joint author of the Esch-Townsend bill, which paved the way for the Hepburn bill regulating railroad rates.

FARLEY HERE WITH BIRTH RATE LESS

BLESSING OF POPE

Archbishop Warmly Greeted by Clergy and Laity on Return from Rome

RUMOR OF CARDINAL'S HAT

(Special from United Press.)

New York, Aug. 25.—Archbishop John M. Farley of the Roman Catholic Church diocese of New York returned to New York today on the Caronia, bringing with him the apostolic benediction to the faithful of the arch diocese, imparted to him in a private farewell address by Pope Pius.

The Caronia was met down the bay by the steam Sloop bearing Mayor Mooney and several hundred priests who welcomed Archbishop Farley back. Catholics are unusually interested in Archbishop Farley's coming because it has several times been reported from Rome that the pope intends to make him a Cardinal. These reports have come from high officials in the Vatican and no official denial has ever been sent out.

Archbishop Farley went to Rome early in the summer, taking with him \$25,000 as the balance of New York's contribution to the earthquake sufferers. Pope Pius presented him with a magnificent amethyst ring surrounded by 24 diamonds, said to be the costliest ring ever given to a prelate by the pope. He is said to have told Archbishop Farley that he held America foremost in his affections.

Through Archbishop Farley the pope conferred the Knighthood of St. Gregory upon Dr. Charles G. Herberich, chairman of the Board of Editors of the Catholic Encyclopedia, and Dr. Francis J. Quinn, former president of the Catholic Club of America.

It is said that Archbishop Farley purchased the old home of Pope Pius at San Galliano, to be used as a summer residence in connection with the American College in Rome.

Regarding his stay in Rome, the Archbishop said: "We were most cordially received by the pope, who seemed greatly interested in everything pertaining to America. While he does not speak English he is well informed on American topics. His power for work is wonderful. He is over 74 years of age and the labors he performs in a week would drive the average New Yorker to take a month's rest at Saratoga."

Archbishop Farley scouted the idea of a European war and paid a tribute to the progress Austria-Hungary is making and the ability of her coming Emperor, Ferdinand, nephew of Emperor Franz Joseph.

"In the past Austria has taken a back seat in naval affairs," the Archbishop said, "but I believe that eventually her fleet will rival that of any power in the world. I am delighted to be back. I motored a great deal in Ireland, and I found the conditions there are much better than I had ever known before."

The Archbishop expressed satisfaction at the settlement of the tariff question and predicted that it would result in increased prosperity both here and abroad.

Katherine, wife of Henry S. Burns of New Haven, died in that city, Monday, Aug. 23. The funeral services will be held in New Haven, but the interment will take place at St. Michael's cemetery, this city, to-morrow morning after the arrival of the 10:30 a. m. train from New Haven.

\$9,000,000 FOR STATE EXPENSES

Huge Appropriations by General Assembly of 1909 for the Next Two Years.

BIG DEFICIT IS EXPECTED

The appropriations for the next two years made by the general assembly at the session of 1909 amount to about \$9,000,000. This does not include the sum of \$500,000 for the Old Saybrook and Old Lyme bridge for which bonds will be issued. The estimated receipts for the two years ending on September 30, 1909, are \$5,940,000, or in round numbers \$7,000,000. This shows an apparent deficit of about \$2,000,000. But the estimated receipts are always less than the actual revenue of the state. It has happened in the actual receipts have exceeded the estimates by 35 per cent. It is expected that the excess for the next two years will be substantial. The rate of the inheritance tax has been practically doubled and this increase will yield a large revenue. The state tax will raise about \$900,000. However, all but about \$30,000 of this will be used in the paying of the bonds which will fall due in 1910. The increase in the value of securities will also increase the revenue above the amount estimated.

HOEFER SUES FOR \$25,000

Alleges that Charles E. Ochs Alienated Affections of His Wife

SHE IS NOW SPOUSE OF THE DEFENDANT

Deeded Property to Her, Which Woman and New Husband Enjoy

Acts of Misconduct Asserted as Preceding Divorce and Remarriage

Claiming that Charles E. Ochs, a wealthy resident of Shippan Point, Stamford, had alienated the affections of his wife, Edith Hoefler, a prominent resident of Stamford, who brought suit for \$25,000, a Packard runabout and moneys in the Fidelity Trust Co. and City National bank of Stamford being attached by Deputy Sheriff Samuel C. Ireland to the sum of \$25,000 to satisfy the claim.

Hoefler alleges that he married Edith M. H. Hackman in New York city April 23, 1895, that they lived happily in that city, Brooklyn, Darien and Stamford for eleven years until Ochs and she broke up the home. This he did it is alleged during August 1906, when Ochs became acquainted with Edith Hoefler, the daughter of "By Acts, blandishments and seductions, he alienated the love and affection of Hoefler's wife and destroyed the happiness of his home," he complained.

The plaintiff further alleges that between July 7, 1907 and July 23, 1907, Ochs and Hoefler were guilty of a misconduct in Stamford, and that after July 15, 1908, the defendant and the plaintiff's wife lived as man and wife, while the plaintiff and his wife were living happily in Stamford the plaintiff transferred property in New York city held in his name over to his wife Edith Hoefler, and the proceeds he says are now being appropriated by Ochs and Mrs. Hoefler to the exclusion of himself and his two children.

In the September term of the Superior Court, Fairfield County, Hoefler was granted an absolute divorce from Ochs on the grounds of infidelity, Ochs being named as co-respondent, and was given custody of his two children. Since the granting of the divorce Ochs and Mrs. Hoefler have become man and wife and are now living in Shippan Point, where many of the homes of the wealthy New Yorkers are located.

NEW LAND GIFT LARGE

Twenty-four Acres of Harbor Yields to Locomobile Company

AREA SHOWN ON OFFICIAL MAP

Repeal of City Harbor Line Threatens Seaside Park

Good Work Done by Citizens in General Assembly of 1907 Made Useless

The amount of the new land grant which was exposed yesterday in the columns of this newspaper is even greater than was at first thought. An inspection of the official map showing the harbor lines as they were laid by direction of Mayor Lee at the end of a three years' fight, shows a triangular area bounded by the railroad, the Locomobile Company of America upon one side, and by the upland and the new harbor lines on the other three sides.

This area contains 24.3 acres of harbor.

This area is now subject to the exercise of riparian rights by the owners of the upland.

The exercise of these rights in filling in the area and its resulting utilization for commercial purposes will subject the beautiful Seaside Park to the same risk that it ran in 1907, when a body of leading citizens, including Park Commissioner Eames, former Mayor Reynolds and Harbor Master Morris with many others appeared before legislative committees and caused the repeal of a grant of the same territory to the Locomobile Company of America.

The abolition of the city harbor line, which was laid in December 1898, by the Reynolds administration, has now appears, resulted not alone in a land gift of nearly eleven acres to the New Haven city, but in an additional land gift of 24.3 acres to the Locomobile Company of America.

What are the people going to do about it?

(UNCLASSIFIED)

- FOR SALE—House, barn and 2.4 acre land on main road between Fairfield and Southport. Over 1,000 feet fronting on highway. Telephone R. Wakeman, Fairfield. L 24 d p o
- ALFRED APT. Teacher of Violin, 161 Lewis St. L 24 d p o
- TO RENT—One large furnished room, with board. 521 State St., corner Myrtle Ave. Phone 1912. L 23 d p o
- FOR SALE—Barber shop, 739 E. Main street. Good income. Call evenings between 6 and 7. L 23 d p o
- FOUND—Black and white bull dog. Owner can have by proving and paying charges, at 118 Walters St. L 23 e o o
- FOR SALE—A few square pianos at \$10 each, if you take them away. The M. Steinert & Sons Co., 315 Main St. L 23 e o o
- TO RENT—Entire third floor containing 6,500 sq. ft. of space. Corner Fairfield and Courtland streets. Apply Crawford Laundry Co. P 31 e t o
- TO RENT—Five rooms upstairs, all improvements, window shades, screens furnished. Inquire 233 Wells street. L 24 e p o
- WANTED—Machinists, tool-makers, lathe, planer, miller and screw machine hands, grinders. No labor troubles. Good wages. Driggs-Seabury Ordnance Co., Sharon, Pa. L 13 e o o
- TYPEWRITING—Mimeographing, Notary Public, 108 Main St. P 17 t f o
- CASCA-LAXINE TABLETS cure biliousness and constipation. Positive direction. U 13 e o
- \$500 STUDENTS have been educated at Union Business College, Main and Congress streets. The Leading School. Now is the time to begin. New catalogue just out. Telephone 146. L 10 a t e
- NOTICE—Louis Cohen, for years at 639 E. Main St., the tailor, is now permanently located at 1264 State St. P 10 s p o
- WE DO THE RIGHT kind of picture framing at lowest prices. Standard Art Store, 1219 Main St., Stratfield building. L 20 s s
- NEW YORK BOLOGNA and frankfurters, home made meat loaf, fresh daily. Peter Hron, 1216 Stratfield Ave. U 38 t f s o
- WHEN YOU WANT a good Panama or Straw, see Jim at 974 East Main street. You know who James J. Sheehan. D 14 t f o 1 s s
- HOT LUNCH, daily at Morton's Cafe 108 Fairfield Avenue. Every day. X-lager and Smith's Philadelphia Ale on draught. T 9 t o 1 s
- SAUSAGE that's home made, also liver pudding and blood pudding can be purchased to-morrow at Mark Nagle's, 622 East Main street, and John Forter's, 318 Warren St. These goods are made by Blitz at 95 State St. H 11 t f 1 s s
- FOR SALE—24 inch planer, hydraulic circular presses, 4 steam sawmills, Baldwin regulated stack cutter heavy shuffling, 25 h. p. boiler and engine all mounted, and 6 h. p. to expenses paid on \$50 sale. C. E. Blakeman, Newtown, Ct. L 24 u p o a f
- AUCTION—Silliman street building, lots, Thursday, August 26th, 2:30 p. m., on the premises near junction of State street and Fairfield avenue. Five lots, each 42 feet front 118 feet deep, beginning 152 feet from Fairfield avenue and extending to Courtland street. Easy terms. C. E. Blakeman, Newtown, Ct. L 24 u p o a f